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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
2011 South Clark Place  
Customer Window, Mail Stop Patent Application  
Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03  
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Re: New Patent Application in U.S.  
Applicant(s): Noam GOLDBERG et al  
Title: TECHNOLOGY FOR IMPROVING STP PROTOCOLS IN ETHERNET NETWORKS...  
Atty's Docket: GOLDBERG3

Sir:

Attached herewith is the above-identified application for Letters Patent including:

- ☒ Application Data Sheet
- ☒ Specification (16 pages) claims (6 pages) and abstract (1 page)
- ☒ 2 Sheets Drawings (Figures 1- 4B)  
☒ FORMAL ☐ Informal
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 page(s))  
☒ Newly executed ☐ Copy from prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment  
☐ Computer-readable Sequence Listing
- ☐ Supplemental Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.
- ☐ A check (check no. \_\_\_\_\_) in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover:



- [X] Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, authorizing payment in the amount of \$ to cover:  
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CLAIMS AS FILED				
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	BASIC FEE \$ 770.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	25- 20	= 5	x 18	\$90.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2- 3	= 0	x 86	--
[ ] Multiple Dependent Claim Presented			+ 290	--
[ ] Reduction of 1/2 for Small Entity				
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- [ ] Other Fees: \_\_\_\_\_  
 [ ] Other Attachments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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The following statements are applicable:

- [ ] Applicant hereby requests that this application **not** be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §122(a). It is certified on behalf of applicant that the invention disclosed in the application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

- ☒ The benefit under 35 USC §119 is claimed of the filing date of:  
Application No. 155449 in Israel on April 15, 2003. A certified copy of said priority document  
☒ will follow ☐ is attached ☐ was filed in progenitor case \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.  
Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_. A certified copy of said priority document ☐ is  
attached ☐ was filed in progenitor case \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ The present application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Appln. No. filed .
- ☐ The present application is a ☐ Continuation ☐ Division ☐ Continuation-in-Part of prior  
Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_. Although this application is stated to be a CIP, applicant does not  
necessarily concede that any matter is presented in this application which is not present in the  
parent.
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
☐ --This is a continuation/division/continuation-in-part of copending parent application Serial No. \_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.--  
☐ --The present application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Appln. No. 60/\_\_\_\_\_, filed  
\_\_\_\_\_.--  
☐ --The present application is the national stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 of international  
application \_\_\_\_\_ which designated the United States[, which international  
application was published under PCT Article 21(2) in English].--
- ☒ The application is (or will be) assigned to: ECI TELECOM LTD. whose address is 30 Hasivim Street,  
Petach Tikva 49517, Israel.
- ☐ Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the  
oath or declaration is supplied herewith, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the  
accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- ☐ A signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application is attached.
- ☐ Certain documents were previously cited or submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the  
following prior application \_\_\_\_\_, which is relied upon under 35 USC §120. Applicants identify these  
documents by attaching hereto a form PTO-1449 listing these documents, and request that they be  
considered and made of record in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d). Per Section 1.98(d), copies of  
these documents need not be filed in this application.
- ☐ As in the parent application \_\_\_\_\_, please associate the present application with **Customer No.**  
**001444** and recognize only the practitioners associated therewith.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following additional fees associated  
with this communication or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-4035:  
☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR §1.16.  
☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees, based on any paper  
filed during the pendency of this application or any CPA thereof, to effect any amendment, petition, or  
other action requested in said paper or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account  
No. 02-4035:  
☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.  
☐ The issue fee set in 37 CFR §1.18 at or before mailing the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37  
CFR §1.311(b).  
☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR §1.16 for presentation of extra claims.  
☒ If a paper is untimely filed in this or any CPA thereof by Applicant(s), the Commissioner is  
hereby petitioned under 37 CFR. §1.136(a) for the minimum extension of time required to make

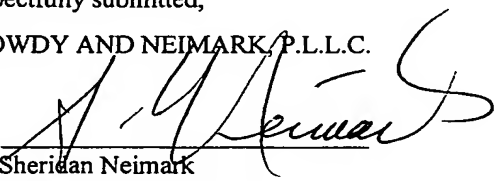
said paper timely. In the event a petition for extension of time is made under the provisions of this paragraph, the Commissioner is hereby requested to charge any fee required under 37 CFR §1.17 to Deposit Account 02-4035.

- ☒ [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment of fees accompanying this paper to Deposit Account No. 02-4035.

Respectfully submitted,

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